



Southsea Infant School Newsletter



Number 1 Autumn Term 2018/2019

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school and I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday. A special welcome goes to all parents and children joining us for the first time at Southsea Infant School. Newsletters are sent out every half term, so please check your child's book bag regularly for these and any other important information.

I would like to welcome Ms Price who is covering for Mrs Semple whilst she is on Maternity Leave. I would also like to welcome Mrs Walker and Mrs Wright who have joined our Teaching Assistant team.

Lyndsey Cook

Curriculum Information

Enclosed is a curriculum information sheet giving details of the topics your child will be working on this half term.

A learning week sheet listing the activities for the week ahead is available for each year group on our website. Topics for this half term are:



YR - All About Me

Y1 - Transport

Y2 - Home Sweet Home

Parent Evenings

We will be holding Parent Evenings later this term to give you a chance to see how your child is settling into the new school year and to meet their new teacher. You will be invited to come with your child to visit his/her new classroom, look at work and, if you wish, speak to the teacher. These evenings will take place on:

Monday 5th November from 3.20pm - 6.00pm

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Tuesday 6th November from 3.20pm - 5.30pm

Coffee Afternoon Friday 12th October at 2.15pm

Each half term you are invited to join Miss Cook for tea and cakes and hear about how we teach different subjects across the school. Our first afternoon this year will have a Computing focus. There will be a chance to look at resources and ask any questions you might have on the subject. Of course there will also be coffee and cake for you to enjoy!

Sharing Together

Sharing together sessions take place once every half term. This is an opportunity for your child to share their work with you. Please note if you have any specific queries you want to discuss with your child's teacher, it may be more appropriate to arrange a separate confidential appointment. The first date for this term is:

Wednesday 17th October from 3.10pm - 3.45pm

This is a chance for you to come and look at your child's work. Please ensure that all child/children and all siblings are kept with you and do not play with school equipment.

Payments

Please could parents ensure they pay for trips, uniform and any other school transactions with the correct money. We have very limited, and at times no change.

Birthdays

It is lovely to send in something for children to share with their class but please ensure it is a small packet of wrapped sweets (e.g. haribo) or individually wrapped cakes so children can take them home with them at the end of the school day. We have a number of children with food allergies which means it is unsafe for us to share these with them in school time.

PE Days

PE is a vital and compulsory element of the curriculum. We therefore ask you to provide your child with a PE kit of shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers in a drawstring bag. These can be left in school for a half term.

PE Bags are available from the school office for £4.00. Children should not wear any jewellery on PE days.

PE days are as follows:

YR (Blue & Yellow) - Wednesday

Y1 (Orange & Purple) - Tuesday and Friday

Y2 (Lime & Emerald) - Monday and Thursday

Red Class - Monday and Friday

Please note PE kits should not be worn for After School Activities.



Uniform Care & Ordering

A reminder that your child's clothing must be named with sew on/iron on labels or permanent marker. Thank you. When ordering uniform please could you ensure you fill in a uniform order form and attach the correct money to your order form (available from the school office and on our website).

Parent/Child Workshops

We would like to invite you to join your child in their classroom for a workshop afternoon. The session will also include a section on how we teach reading.

YR (Blue & Yellow): there will be one next half term

Y1 (Orange & Purple): Monday 15th October 1.35pm

Y2 (Emerald & Lime): Monday 24th September 1.35pm

Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate siblings.



Start of the School Day

Please can I remind you that children should be in their classrooms by 8.55am. We open the doors at 8.45am to make this more convenient.

Due to congestion on the stairs and entrance areas, we request that parents leave children at the main door to go into Year 1 and 2. This will also help to develop independence skills for the children. **Can I also remind you that school finishes at 3.10pm.** Please collect your child promptly.

School Website www.southsea.portsmouth.sch.uk

Parents and children can use the website to catch up on the latest school news and find out other information such as After School Activities. All newsletters and letters to parents are posted here as well as useful forms.

Year 1 & Year 2 Updating Data Collection Sheets

In order to ensure that we have the correct addresses and up to date contact numbers please complete and return the enclosed data collection sheet for you child/ren. If there are no changes simply just sign and return the form to the School Office.

Children Collection Information

We require information on who will be collecting your child from school. Please return the enclosed collection information form to the class teacher. The children's safeguarding is of upmost importance to us.

Help in School

We always welcome parents into school to help us in a variety of ways. In particular we are looking for parents to help with Structured Play and Reading. Please email Miss Bosworth, Deputy Head if you are able to help out. vbosworth@southsea.portsmouth.sch.uk

Pocket Toys

Unfortunately due to issues with pocket toys going missing, getting lost or broken causing the children distress, we will be discontinuing pocket toy day on Thursdays. We have a wide range of equipment and activities for the children to enjoy playing with at playtime.



School Photographs

Cardwell & Simons, our School Photographer, will be coming into school on **Tuesday 16th October** to take your child's individual portrait photograph which you will be available to purchase shortly afterwards.

Year R Information Session

We will be holding a Phonics/Early Reading information session for all Year R parents on **Thursday 4th October at 2.15pm.**



Notifying us of your child's absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness, we ask you to ring the School Office on a daily basis. Even if you have been advised by a Doctor to keep your child at home for a certain period of time, we still need to hear from you each day.

Leave of Absence (LOAF)

At Southsea, we place a high value on good attendance as we know there is a direct link between good attendance and achievement. Can I remind you please that absence is **not** authorised for family holidays. The Government has issued instructions to Headteachers making it very clear that absence should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and family holidays are **not** in this category.

Early Collection from School

If you should need to collect your child from school early for medical appointments, a note should be sent into school in advance with the appointment slip so that we can ensure they come to the office at the right time.

INSET Days

Teachers in Local Authority schools have five days each year when they work in school without the children present. These 'In Service Training' days are called INSET days for short. Monday 3rd September was our first INSET day of this academic year. Our remaining four are:-

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 24th June 2019



The PTFA AGM - Thursday 11th October at 6pm

Are you looking to get more involved with your child's school? Would you like to work as part of a team to raise extra funds for Southsea Infant School? If so, then Southsea Infant School PTFA needs YOU! Please come along to the AGM (see details above) or ask to be added to the mailing list, just email us at secretary.sis.ptfa@gmail.com.

In order for this to continue we need support from more parents. So please join up.

Upcoming Events - look out for Film Night and the Winter Fayre - coming up this term. More information will be available nearer the time.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

We are taking part with the shoebox scheme again this year. Please find enclosed the leaflet which explains what to do.

Medical - Asthma Inhalers

If your child needs their inhaler on an 'as needs' basis rather than a specific time of the day, please can you bring in a labelled container with the inhaler in so that we can leave it in the class room to take when necessary.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM 1ST HALF: Tuesday 4th September - Friday 19th October

Monday 24th September at 1.35pm: Year 2 Parent/Child Workshop
Thursday 4th October 2.15pm: Phonics/Early Reading Session for Year R Parents
Thursday 11th October at 6pm - PTFA AGM Meeting
Friday 12th October 2.15pm: Coffee Afternoon - Computing focus
Monday 15th October 1.35pm: Year 1 Parent/Child Workshops
Tuesday 16th October AM: Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 17th October 3.10pm-3.45pm: Sharing Together Sessions
Monday 29th October - Inset Day - School closed to children

AUTUMN TERM 2ND HALF: Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December

Monday 5th November 3.20pm-6.00pm: Parent Evening
&
Tuesday 6th November 3.20pm-5.30pm: Parent Evening

Inset Days: -

Friday 15th February 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

SPRING TERM 1ST HALF: Monday 7th January - Friday 15th February

SPRING TERM 2ND HALF: Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April

SUMMER TERM 1ST HALF: Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 24th May

SUMMER TERM 2ND HALF: Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July